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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 11 February 1982

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director noted he briefed the House Leadership on Central America.

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The Director said he is concerned about the full impact of the Iranian disclosures of CIA activities. The Director said the Agency will have to tighten its dissemination procedures; write less and when we do write, be less specific so identities and operations are not divulged. In addition, the Agency will have to tighten the clearance procedures and when possible brief the Hill on a general basis rather than give specific briefings which could divulge sources and methods. []

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[] said the HPSCI Staff has asked for a budget justification book on Continuity of Government. In response to the Director's question, Lipton said we are looking at [] for FY 1982 and [] for FY 83. []

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Fitzwater appealed to all to cut down on the delinquencies on submitting travel vouchers covering travel advances; we are [] in arrears. []

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Sporkin passed the DCI a copy of a fall back position on FOIA for CIA. Regarding the draft Executive Order 12065, Sporkin noted one major difference the Agency has with the draft and said that OGC would present CIA's alternate position to the NSC Staff. []

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[] noted the PFIAB meeting on economics that he and the Director had on 10 February went well. []

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Stein reported that he, [] and Admiral Showers briefed the PFIAB on counterintelligence on 9 February. The Director commented Mrs. Luce was pleased with the briefing. []

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The Director commented he read the IG report on covert action, that it was very good, and added he thought we should have a systematic way of monitoring and evaluating covert action operations. Stein noted that he had set up an evaluation process within the DDO to look at covert action to ensure that operations were worthwhile and running well and encouraged the formation of a senior level CIA panel to do so on an independent basis.

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McMahon raised the Congressman Rosenthal letter to the President which said that unless the President rules otherwise, he will release 17 CIA documents in a Committee report he is preparing. In response to the Director's question, McMahon said Rosenthal has no case.

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